

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
July 7, 2014

Chairman Francis called the meeting to order. All members were present.

YMCA RURAL TRANSIT

Kathy Brehmer brought the quarterly report for the Commissioners review and signature. Commissioner West made a motion to approve and sign. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

The busses that licensed in the name of the Miami County Commissioners need to have a lease signed that leases them to the Rural Transit program. Bus 8 does not have a lease does not have such a lease. Mrs. Brehmer asked the Board to sign the lease for Bus 8. Commissioner West made a motion to sign the lease for Bus 8. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Another issue is that a Commissioner should occasionally check to make sure that the vehicles are properly used. The Commissioners will make sure that one of them (Commissioner Francis) will do an inspection to ensure the busses are being used properly.

Mrs. Brehmer is applying for a federal grant to purchase another vehicle and needs the Commissioners to approve and sign the grant application. Commissioner West made a motion to have Chairman Francis sign the grant application. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Dean Baldwin Painting had a slow period and painted two of the Rural Transit vans and Mrs. Brehmer said they looked very good.

MASTER GARDENERS

Kari Harmon, Master Gardener, said that her group did the Peru sign at 31 and Business 31 and they maintain it. The lava rock needs replaced and the Master Gardeners are looking for donations of the rocks. The Board of Commissioners told her to try Leffert Grain or Black's Lawnmower service. The Master Gardeners also do garden work out by the jail and were wondering if they could use the water hydrant to do the watering. The Board told her she would have to check with Peru Utilities.

9-1-1

Cliff Gardner informed the Board that he has received communication from the State that AT&T may no longer support the type of circuit currently being used for IDACS. They suggest he consider switching to Comcast Cable (and it will be cheaper). Mr. Gardener wanted to talk with the Board before signing any contract. The Board said they were good with it.

MINUTES

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the 6-16-14 minutes. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

CLAIMS

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the 6-16-14 claims. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

PAYROLL

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the payroll. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT CLAIM

Dr. Farag submitted a claim for reimbursement, as agreed upon, for the 1st and 2nd quarters of this year. Commissioner West made a motion to process the claim. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

EMA

Kris Marks, EMA Director, informed the Board that EMA met the criteria for the partial salary reimbursement from the State. Commissioner West made a motion to sign the letter for the partial salary reimbursement. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mr. Marks brought in a check dated 6-10-14 from Sprint for reimbursement from the fully executed frequency reconfigured agreement dated June 12, 2009. The check is in the amount of \$3,825.00 and Mr. Marks asked if he could deposit that money into his non reverting fund so he can make some necessary repairs to the vehicles he purchased. Commissioner West made a motion to allow. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

CLERK

Tawna Leffel-Sands asked the Board to sign the revised Maximus contract. Commissioner West made a motion to sign the revised Maximus contract. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

The Clerk informed the Board that she has been trying to get her part of the 4th floor cleaned by hiring a young person to do shredding for her. It is taking longer than she anticipated and wanted to know if she could put him on part time to finish the job since she will pass the \$600 she originally anticipated spending. She has the money to finish the project but wondered if it would be better to put him on part time so he won't be hit with taxes to be paid at tax time. The Commissioners said as long as she had the money appropriated she could do it however she thinks is best.

TREASURER

Becky Morris, Treasurer, informed the Board that SRI is no longer going to do the e-billing. Thompson Rueter (Manatron) is going through the certification process to be able to do it and she will switch to them so she can still provide that service.

Mrs. Morris also spoke to the Board about the tax sale and the fact that there are properties that have a lower assessed value than the amount of taxes owed on them. Mrs. Morris asked if the Board had considered letting the connecting land owner have it for a small amount instead of letting them collect more taxes and continue to be on the tax sale list.

SOLID WASTE

Samantha Ward, Solid Waste Director, came before the Board to inform them that the Solid Waste Board has been discussing putting the Solid Waste billing on the tax bills. She has met with the Treasurer and they agree that there would be no issue for the Treasurer to collect the money when collecting property taxes. Ms. Ward has also met with John Evans, IT Director, who said he could put an extra web page up for them.

The Auditor expressed concern that this would cause a lot of extra work for her office and staff. The Auditors office would have to review the imported file, check for errors, manually correct errors, add it to the County abstract, add another fund to manage and deal with it at settlement just to name a few. There are also questions regarding taxpayers paying their property tax and not the Solid Waste part. Commissioner Hamman and Commissioner Francis were also concerned with how much work that would cause that office. Commissioner Francis stated that they need more information before making a decision.

HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Ken Einselen met with Wayne Truex, DLZ, David Armstrong, Cheryl Culler and Greg Smith on July 1st to discuss the scope of work for Bridge 159 (Kelly Avenue). The meeting was to clarify the work items and requirements since this bridge is a "Select Historic Structure".

The piling for the west abutment cap for bridge 73, are driven. Camden Construction has expressed interest in the trusses.

MEXICO

Mrs. Mary Kietzman came before the Commissioners with a complaint of her street in Mexico filling up with water every time it rains. Commissioner Francis explained that since the sewer project has been completed, they will be working on the streets in Mexico. Mrs. Kietzman thanked them.

STAMP MACHINE LEASE

The lease is up on the current stamp machine. Commissioner West made a motion to lease a new stamp machine. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner West made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Adjourned

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

_____, **Chairman**
Joshua Francis

_____, **Vice Chairman**
Larry West

_____, **Member**
Jerry Hamman

Attest: _____, **Auditor**
Jane Lilley